

clared it to be a new Synod. A facile majority enabled him to carry his point. When it was moved, however, that this Synod now proceed to the election of a Moderator, this same Mr. Rannie, blowing hot and cold, declared the motion incompetent, and again was sustained by a rampant majority. The Expositor's view on this point is correct. We are glad to give credit where it is due, and more especially as such opportunity has been so limited in the unfurling of Mr. Robert Campbell's flag of distress. "So long as the majority only do such things as constitutionally lie within their power, 'All is right,' is his motto. Special appeals of a sophistical nature will not avail Mr. Robert Campbell here. We questioned the constitutionality of such action. We say it is indefensible. The law of the Church says, that representative Elders shall be chosen within two months after the rising of the Synod. As a matter of fact, Kirk Sessions proceeded to elect their representatives, and these representatives thus chosen constituted the membership of the Synod at Toronto on the 3rd of November, 1874; and, strange to tell, but not less true, the same constituency thus and then chosen made up the constituency at Montreal on the 8th of June, 1875. To vary the phrase, to enable our able Expositor to look on this side and then on that, there was no legal election of Elders for the June meeting of Synod in 1875 at all. See Presbytery minutes as produced in the Bayfield case by the unwilling witness, Rev. J. H. McKerras, Clerk of Synod.

To hear Mr. Robert Campbell prate about the *personnel*, whatever that means, of the members of Synod, is very provocative of saying bad words and thinking uncharitable thoughts. There are, however, crumbs of comfort even to such daring men as compose the firm of Lang, Burnet & Co. Mr. Rannie, who betrayed his church and who sacrificed his church privileges, was hastily removed from the scene of his labors and relegated to the mild regions of British Guiana. Mr. James Croil, agent for the schemes, and who ably aided and abetted the schemers, has been eased of his responsibility in issuing to the world poetical effusions on the limited liability schemes of certain Canadian theologians. The Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass